

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register: 04 August 2004
 Name of applicant/court: The Film and Video Labelling Body Inc.
 Applicant to the Labelling Body: Vixen Direct Ltd
 Title of Publication: When Porn Stars Play
 Other Known Title(s): More Than She Expected!
 Director(s): Steve Hooper, Tony De Sergio
 Producer(s): Not Stated
 Publisher: Not Applicable
 Author(s): Not Applicable
 Format: DVD
 Country of Origin: Spain
 Language(s): English

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Components of film originally examined:

Menu: Scene Selection
 Language Selection
 Subtitle Selection
 Extra Materials
 Play Movie

Feature: When Porn Stars Play Running Time: 90.03

Other Timed Components: Güfa Notice Running Time: 2.22
 Private Website Notice 1.57
 Castings 23.09
 When Porn Stars Play (Trailer) 0.56
 Rock Hard 1.47
 Castings X 23 1.19
 Private Life Of Michelle Wild 1.48
 Reality 18 1.11
 Island Fever 1.43

Other Components: Fraserside Holdings Notice
 Restricted 18 Notice
 Casting
 Photobook
 Production Notes

Total Running Time: 126.15

Excision/Alteration: Excisions Recommended But Not Made.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Two excisions to the main feature are required in order to remove scenes these depict highly degrading sexual conduct and are highly degrading to the female participant, and by implication, women in general. The scenes involve group sexual activity where the woman's body parts are filmed in a very degrading manner.

Classification Decision:

The part or parts of the film specified for excision have not been excised from the publication. Therefore, the film is classified as **Objectionable**.

If the part or parts of the film specified are excised from the film the publication is classified as **Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.**

Display Conditions:

Not Applicable.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has not been given.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The DVD entitled *When Porn Stars Play* is classified as:
Objectionable.

This classification is because the publication contains sequences that depict sexual and physical conduct of a highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning nature, and are highly degrading, dehumanising and demeaning to the female participant.

The publication is a professionally produced and slickly presented sexually explicit feature set in the Chamonix Alps in France. The mainly English male actors engage in sexual activity with a variety of physically attractive eastern European women.

The sequences of concern depict one woman engaging in sexual activity with four men. While the woman remains quite genial throughout the activity, the effect is nonetheless highly degrading as she is treated like an object by the four men, and filmed in a degrading manner.

The availability of the publication would, therefore, be likely to be injurious to the public good. The option of making an excision to remove the above sequences was offered to the distributors of the publication. If these segments were excised, the explicit and sometimes degrading, dehumanising and demeaning nature of the publication mean that its availability would be likely to be injurious to the public good unless it were restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years. The distributor of the DVD has declined to make the required excisions and, as a result, the publication is classified as objectionable.

The New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 has been considered in relation to the classification of this publication. Given the material contained on the DVD the availability of the publication is likely to be injurious to the public good. The resultant limit on freedom of expression is prescribed by law.

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